

House File 2421 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 632)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to education, including requirements related
2 to teacher intern license programs and licenses and
3 authorizations issued by the board of educational examiners.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 256.16, subsection 1, Code 2022, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *n.* If a higher education institution
4 providing practitioner preparation offers a program that is
5 designed to assist students in attaining a teacher intern
6 license from the board of educational examiners, the program
7 shall require participants to satisfy all of the following
8 requirements before completing the program:

9 (1) A participant in the program must have graduated from
10 an accredited or state-approved college or university and must
11 meet the requirements for an endorsement area approved by the
12 board of educational examiners for a teacher intern license.

13 (2) A participant in the program must have at least three
14 years of post-baccalaureate work experience.

15 (3) A participant in the program must submit with the
16 application to the program a copy of an offer of employment
17 from a school.

18 (4) A participant in the program must have completed the
19 required pedagogy training.

20 (5) A participant in the program must work under the
21 supervision of a teacher leader assigned by the school district
22 or accredited nonpublic school, including during co-teaching
23 and planning time.

24 (6) A participant in the program must complete at least
25 fifteen additional hours of coursework.

26 Sec. 2. Section 272.2, subsection 1, Code 2022, is amended
27 by adding the following new paragraph:

28 NEW PARAGRAPH. *d.* Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection
29 establishing criteria for applicants for licenses who have
30 completed an accredited or state-approved teacher preparation
31 program and who are applying for the applicant's first Iowa
32 teaching license shall not require the applicant to be an Iowa
33 resident if the applicant provides the board with a copy of an
34 offer of employment as a teacher from a school located in this
35 state.

1 providing practitioner preparation offers a program that is
2 designed to assist students in attaining a teacher intern
3 license from the BOEE, the program shall require participants
4 to satisfy certain specified requirements.

5 Current law requires the BOEE to adopt rules to provide
6 for nontraditional preparation options for licensing persons
7 who hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited college
8 or university and who do not meet other requirements for
9 licensure. The bill provides that the rules shall require
10 the BOEE to issue a teacher intern license to an applicant
11 who has completed a program offered by a higher education
12 institution providing practitioner preparation that is designed
13 to assist students in attaining a teacher intern license. The
14 bill requires the BOEE to allow a licensee who has attained
15 a teacher intern license under such a program to apply for
16 an initial teaching license if the school that employed
17 the licensee during the program and the higher education
18 institution recommend that the licensee be allowed to apply.

19 Current law authorizes the BOEE to issue a regional exchange
20 teaching license to an applicant who has completed a teacher
21 preparation program outside of the state and who is applying
22 for the applicant's first Iowa teaching license if, among
23 other requirements, the applicant is a resident of the state.
24 The bill removes the requirement that such an applicant be a
25 resident of this state if the applicant provides the BOEE with
26 a copy of an offer of employment as a teacher from a school
27 located in this state.

28 The bill requires the BOEE to adopt rules that allow
29 an individual seeking a career and technical secondary
30 authorization to apply, and if eligible, be issued the
31 secondary authorization prior to accepting an offer of
32 employment with a school.